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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS-VISIT OF UN TEAM TO TURKEY

FOR: DAVID ERNST (S/NM)

REF: A. GENEVA 5494; B. STATE 170003

- 1. REPORT ON UN TEAM'S VISIT TO TURKEY JULY 2-8 (REF. A) WAS BASED ON IMPRESSIONS MARTENS/KANDEMIR. WE SHOWED TEXT TO MANBY NOW IN GENEVA. HE SAYS REPORT IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH HIS OWN RECOLLECTIONS WITH ONE EXCEPTION. RE NEXT YEAR'S AUTHORIZED POPPY ACREAGE, MANBY DOES NOT HIMSELF RECALL TURKISH AUTHORITIES INDICATING SO FLATLY THAT NO INCREASE SHOULD BE ANTICIPATED.
- 2. MANBY ADDS THAT HIS OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF TURKISH PROGRAM CAN BE SUMMED UP IN ONE SENTENCE, NAMELY. "IT APPEARS BE MAJOR SUCCESS AND WELL WORTH THE PRICE". ONE POINT OF DETAIL ON CONTROL SIDE WHICH MANBY ADDS IT THAT POPPY CAPSULES ARE BEING CUT IN HALF ONLY AND ARE IN ANY EVENT BEING INSPECTED IN FIELDS PRIOR TO REAPTING.

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3. UN PLANS ISSUE PRESS RELEASE JULY 22 OR 23. WE

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4. MANBY IS GIVING US COPY OF TEAM'S REPORT WHICH WE HOPE HAVE HAND-CARRIED TO S/NM BY JULY 25. DALE

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